

REMARKS

This Supplemental Amendment and Response is in response to the final Office action dated February 8, 2007 and the Advisory Action dated May 1, 2007. This Response amends claims 1, 4, 17, 20 and 33 and cancels claims 2, 3, 18, 19 and 34-36. Accordingly, after entry of this Supplemental Amendment and Response, claims 1 4-17, 20-33 and 37-48 will be pending.

I. Allowable Subject Matter**A. Claims 1-16**

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 3-7, 9 and 12-15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the limitations of claims 2 and 3 have been incorporated into claim 1, making claim 1 now in form for allowance. Claims 8, 10, 11 and 16 were previously rejected. However, these claims depend from allowable claim 1. Therefore, it is believed that claims 8, 10, 11 and 16 are now allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

B. Claims 17-32

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 20-23 and 30 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Claim 19 was not addressed in the Office action as being either allowable or rejected, but is substantially similar in scope to allowed claim 3. Accordingly, the limitations of claims 18 and 19 have been incorporated into claim 17, making claim 17 now in form for allowance. However, if claim 19 is not an allowable claim, Applicant will further amend claim 17 to include the limitations of allowable claim 20. Claims 24-29, 31 and 32 were previously rejected. However, these claims depend from allowable claim 17. Therefore, it is believed that claims 24-29, 31 and 32 are now allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 17.

C. Claims 33-48

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 35-39, 41 and 44-47 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the limitations of claims 34-36 have been incorporated into claim 33, making claim 33 now in form for allowance. Claims 40, 42, 43 and 48 were previously rejected. However, these claims depend from allowable claim 33. Therefore, it is believed that claims 40, 42, 43 and 48 are now allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 33.

II. Conclusion

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for his thorough review of the application. The Applicant respectfully submits the present application, as amended, is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests entering of this amendment and the issuance of a Notice of Allowability as soon as practicable.

This Amendment is submitted contemporaneously with a petition for a one-month extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.136(a). Accordingly, please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415 in the amount of \$120.00, for a one-month extension of time fee. The Applicant believes no further fees or petitions are required. However, if any such petitions or fees are necessary, please consider this a request therefor and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415 accordingly.

If the Examiner should require any additional information or amendment, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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